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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: 1976/77 WINTER SCHEDULE

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1. ROBERTO SCAGLIOLA, SEABOARD MANAGER FOR ITALY, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY BY TELEX TO DELETE FLIGHT 308/309 ON THIRD DAY ON GROUNDS IT WAS INCLUDED IN EARLIER TELEX TO EMBASSY (WHICH WAS USED IN FINAL FILING) BY MISTAKE. CANCELLATION OF 308/309 (JFK-FRANKFURT BY 747; FRANKFURT-MILAN BY DC-8; MILAN-FRANKFURT BY DC-8; FRANKFURT-JFK BY 747) WOULD REDUCE SEABOARD'S FLIGHTS FROM TEN TO NINE AND ELIMINATE THE ONLY CHANGE OF GAUGE FILED.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 23 STEVENS OF SEABOARD'S NEW YORK OFFICE TELEPHONED WHITING ABOUT CHANGE, GIVING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT RATIONALE. ACCORDING TO STEVENS, CHANGES BEING MADE IN RESPONSE TO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION PROBLEMS IN UK AND FRG AND TO ITALIAN OBJECTIONS TO ALL-CARGO CAPACITY OFFERED BY US AIRLINES AND CHANGE OF GAUGE. STEVENS WOULD LIKE NOTIFICATION TO MFA TO INCLUDE WORDS THAT WOULD DEFEND RIGHTS GRANTED TO US UNDER THE BILATERAL WITH RESPECT TO CAPACITY AND CHANGE OF GAUGE. WHITING INFORMED STEVENS THAT EMBASSY WOULD NOT NOTIFY MFA UNTIL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

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3. GOI MAY VIEW CHANGE AS A CONCESSION

AND PERHAPS AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS ON OUR PART.
(THIS IS PROBABLY WHAT SCAGLIOLA HAD IN MIND WHEN HE DECIDED
TO TELEX EMBASSY THAT CHANGE WAS DUE TO AN ERROR.)
WE DOUBT THAT THIS CHANGE IN SEABOARD SCHEDULE WILL DETER
GOI FROM PRESSING FOR CONSULTATIONS, AS THAT REQUEST (SEE
ROME 15263) IS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON COMBINED SERVICES
CAPACITY INITIALLY, AT LEAST. SEABOARD MAY BE MAKING
CHANGE PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF ADVANCE NOTIFICATION PROBLEMS
ELSEWHERE AND BECAUSE OF COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE OF SHIPPING
DIRECTLY WITHOUT RELOADING GOODS FROM ONE A/C TO ANOTHER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PERMISSION TO SEND NOTE TO MFA DELETING
FLIGHTS AS REQUESTED BY SEABOARD AND ANY INSTRUCTIONS
ON RATIONALE OR RESERVATIONS THAT SHOULD BE MADE, IF ANY, FOR THE
DELETION.VOLPE

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